

## HAVANA'S PEOPLE FOR US.

A LARGE PART OF THE POPULATION AGAINST SPAIN.

Gen. Blanco Not Supported by the Spirit That animated the British in 1895—Elements anxious for American Success—The Hollowing of Blanco's Position—His Position.

There can be little doubt that the capture of Havana by an American army acting in combination with an American fleet is a comparatively easy task from a military point of view. Descriptions have already been printed of the weakness of the old-style fortifications of that seaport and of its ill placed batteries. If, according to modern military science, the defense is more formidable than the attack, this rule is not applicable to Havana. As a military factor Havana belongs still to the eighteenth century. In 1762 she could oppose a gallant resistance to Lord Albemarle's wooden vessels and his 18,000 English troops. In 1898 she has no resources to resist an American squadron of battleships, monitors and cruisers and an army of 100,000 American soldiers.

But other very important reasons exist for believing that Havana will quickly surrender in this war. Now, as in ancient times, the degree of resistance which a city can oppose to a foreign attack depends largely on the patriotism and unity of the population inside the gates. The guns and the forts are nothing without the men, and the men that manage the guns and garrison the forts must be backed by the enthusiasm and determination of all the inhabitants.

Such was the case in 1762, when Havana resisted during two months the British; and the heroic death of Don Luis de Velasco, the Governor of Morro Castle, commanded the respect of even the enemy. A day of suspension of hostilities was accorded by the English until the body of that brave soldier had been buried, and military honors were paid to it by both armies. Havana was then really the "ever faithful city," as the Spanish King named it in reward for its uncompromising loyalty. Men, women, children stood until the last for the city of Spain. Even after the Spanish garrisons had been allowed and the city had been taken by force, they did not yield to the invader. Neither threats nor magnanimity could abate their Spanish spirit. Cuban bands on the outskirts of the city waged a savage guerrilla warfare on the British. The neighboring town of Guanabacoa never yielded to the enemy. Pepe Antonio, a countryman, led a band of guerrillas around that town and wrought havoc among the troops of Lord Albemarle. The British soldiers were poisoned by the people. When the Cubans could fight no more they resorted to assassination. The unconquerable hostility of the people was one of the first reasons that only compelled England, in 1763, to turn over Cuba to the Spanish King again in exchange for Florida.

Now all the conditions are quite the reverse. After Spain lost its vast possessions in South America she began to rule Cuba with an iron hand. The brave and loyal Cuban militia that fought so heroically against the foreign invaders were gradually oppressed, wronged, and injustice. Cuban martyrs were beheaded, garroted, or sent to the gallows. After a long series of conspiracies Lopez raised, in 1850, for the first time the lone star flag, invaded the island twice, and finally was overpowered and captured. Since then Cuba and Spain have gone on. The revolution of 1895 lasted ten years. After the truce of Zanjon the Cuban flag was lowered only temporarily. It was raised up again in 1895, never to be conquered by the Spanish troops. Not a single Cuban, no matter how peaceable he may be, is permitted to be called a friend of Spain since the death of Narciso Lopez. All Cubans hate the Spanish rule, and they all admire and love the United States.

A few days ago, when news of the message of President McKinley was received in Havana, the Cuban non-combatant population began its exodus to the United States. Captain-General Blanco uttered then with deep emotion these graphic words to a member of his Cabinet:

"It is a bitter lesson for us. What can we expect from a people that on the eve of a war with the foreigner flee to the very land of the enemy?" And he was right. A large majority of the population of Havana is now hostile to Spain, in spite of the public demonstrations of patriotism made there during the last few days. The 20,000 or 30,000 Spanish volunteers, grocers and retail merchants, nearly all of them single men and young, who went to Cuba as emigrants, lead those patriotic parades and follow them, not out of enthusiasm, but from fear of being suspected as enemies of Spain and assassinated or put into prison.

The small group of Cubans called Autonomists are among this class. The failure of the last Cuban revolution, from 1895 to 1898, and the constant policy of non-interference and enforcement of neutrality laws, followed for so many years by the Washington Administration, convinced them that it was folly to believe that the patriots would ever win alone against the superior Spanish power or that the United States would ever lend a helping hand to them. They tried to obtain by peaceful means what the patriots demanded by force. Believing also that their aspirations could not be realized, they have accepted everything offered to them, no matter how meagre or farcical. But that they are haters of Spain, and that they do not inspire confidence even in the most liberal Spaniards, is in fact a well-known fact. All their pro-Spanish demonstrations have been exaggerated in order to win a confidence which they do not deserve. Traitors to both sides, to that of their real sentiments and to that of their apparent inclinations, to the then unexpected intervention of the United States in Cuba has been a hard blow. If they could now help themselves by taking the winners' side they would do so gladly.

Another important type of the Havana population hostile to Spain is the sympathizer with the revolution, or laborer, who, apart from fighting, has done and is ready to do everything that may harm the cause of Spain. The laborer is the most able of conspirators. Of him and his kind is composed the secret revolutionary Junta in Havana, that is still moving the Spanish Government inside the city and waiting for a sign of the American battleships. The negroes, who number some 30,000, are very much divided. The majority of them are against the Spaniards.

It is needless to say that the reconcentrados are also against the Spaniards and in favor of the United States.

But the most serious enemies, though not the most numerous, of the Spanish Government in Havana are the Spaniards themselves, landowners or rich merchants, who favor immediate annexation to the United States as the only solution of the Cuban problem.

Leaving aside a few thousand foreigners, the male population of Havana may be estimated at 100,000. Of this number not 30,000 are Spaniards at heart and the rest are irreconcilable enemies of the Spanish Government.

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**Primary Enrollment 26,718.**

The primary enrollment turned the 25,000 mark yesterday. The total at closing hour was 26,718. Brooklyn led in the day's registry with 600 voters; the Bronx furnished 338, Manhattan & Queens 1, and Richmond none.

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Torture was so intense Husband Thought She Could Not Live Twelve Hours.

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But she isn't satisfied with having me arrested once a week. Last night while I was attending to the customary formality of having a warrant served on me at the police station, she was venting her spite on a \$175 oil portrait of me in the lobby. With her umbrella she punched out both eyes removed the nose, and made the whole look as if it was whistling.

Although the complaint had no marriage certificate and admitted that there had not been much of a wedding ceremony, she declared to me that she was the wife of the man in the picture, and she was the prisoner's wife. The case was adjourned until May 12.

**MORE GOLD FROM HAVANA.**

And There's 18 Millions or So That Will Have to Get From Europe.

Cable advices received in Wall street yesterday from Havana said that the Ward line steamship Saratoga, bound for this port with 200 passengers, and due about Tuesday, has on board \$1,000,000 in gold shipped by Umpa & Co. and \$265,000 in gold shipped by J. M. Borgos & Co. Both are Havana firms. This makes \$2,265,000 in gold from Cuba on the way here, the steamship City of Washington, due today, having on board \$1,000,000 shipped by J. M. Borgos & Co.



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PLAID SILKS in Taffeta, Surah and other fine silks that have sold readily this season at \$1 per yard, some of the choicest color combinations; to-morrow only, per yard, 58c.  
45 PIECES NOVELTY STRIPES and BARRE EFFECTS in TAFFETAS, the nobbiest and most stylish silks of the spring season, actual \$1.25 value; to-morrow only, per yard, 88c.  
2,500 YARDS OF BLACK SATIN AND GROS-GRAIN BAYADERES AND BROCADES, of the finest quality, silks that are positively good value at \$1.50 per yard; here to-morrow, 1.15.

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So great has been the inroads made upon this stock of fine jackets during the first day of the sale that we have already been compelled to rearrange and reassert the goods. The variety still includes many bargains of exceeding value and still affords an unequalled opportunity for economical buyers.

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**Lot 2** contains 300 rolls of heavy jointless CHINESE MATTING, 15 different styles, actual value \$7.50, to-morrow..... 4.95

**Lot 3** contains 500 rolls of extra heavy jointless CHINESE MATTING, weighing from 35 to 90 lbs. per roll; many styles presented in the close weave, which is the most popular; actual value \$10.00, to-morrow..... 6.45

**Lot 4** contains 500 rolls of extra fine jointless CHINESE MATTING, comprising 25 new patterns, regularly sold at \$11.50, to-morrow..... 7.65

**Lot 5** contains 200 rolls of JAPANESE COTTON WARP MATTING, in blues, reds, greens and golds, actually worth \$9.50, to-morrow..... 5.75

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